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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Invitation to Appear Before Fairfax County Federation of Civic Associations (FCFCA)

1. The President of the Fairfax County Federation of Civic Associations (FCFCA) has requested a 19 November presentation by the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) to the FCFCA membership. The original request was to provide a briefing on the role of NCPC in the local planning process and to specifically include an overview of the Agency's Master Plan as a contemporary example.

2. NCPC Staff, in turn, contacted the Chief, Building Planning Staff, OL (C/BPS/OL) on 20 October and asked the Agency to appear with NCPC and present a Master Plan overview. On 21 October, they were advised by C/BPS that there was tentative agreement by Agency management to honor the request. However, we advised that we needed time to discuss the request with the Branesville District Supervisor to assure ourselves no local community problems would be created by this action. The President of FCFCA was subsequently advised by NCPC Staff that tentative agreement had been reached.

3. On 26 October, NCPC Staff was contacted and advised that the Agency had reconsidered its position and found the timing of the presentation inappropriate. Because the formal NCPC review cycle would be in an early stage, the 19 November presentation would precede the local community's opportunity to review and discuss the Plan with the Agency. Again, the NCPC Staff conveyed our position to the FCFCA, although apparently with less tact than the situation called for.


4. On 27 October, C/BPS was contacted by Nancy Falck, Branesville District Supervisor, who advised that a heated exchange had occurred with the President of FCFCA, who held Ms. Falck responsible for the Agency's decision not to participate. The end result of the conversation was agreement by Ms. Falck to request the Agency to appear to discuss its experience with the NCPC process but not to present the Master Plan. Ms. Falck in turn requested an expeditious response from the Agency on this modified request.

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5. This latest request was discussed with Robert Gresham, NCPC Staff, who finds this compromise advantageous to all concerned. In light of this and Ms. Falck's laudatory support of the Agency's actions to date, Ms. Falck is being advised of the Agency's agreement to this latest request.


Chief, Building Planning Staff, OL

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